

## PUBLIC NOTICE for PERMIT APPLICATION

Issue Date: April 16, 2003

Expiration Date: May 16, 2003

Corps of Engineers Action ID: 200201021

Oregon Division of State Lands Number: No Number

**30 Day Notice** 

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plan.

**Comments:** Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers number shown above and should reach this office no later than the above expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CENWP-OP-GP (Ms. Mary J. Headley) P.O. Box 2946 Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

**Applicant:** Port of Umatilla

**Location:** Columbia River, River Mile 290.8, Sections 8 & 9, Township 5 North, Range 28 East, Umatilla, Umatilla County, Oregon

**Project Description:** The applicant proposes to construct a boat haul-out structure within the existing marina. The design would allow a traveling crane to straddle a boat, lift it out of the water and travel back to shore for dry storage and repairs. The proposed structure would involve installing 32 steel piling to support two runway docks. One of the two dock structures would measure 50 feet long, by 7 feet wide, and 12 feet above the water line. The other dock would measure 50 feet long, by 3 feet wide, and 12 feet above the water line. Clearance between the docks would be 15 feet, for boat access.

**Purpose:** Presently, emergency and regular boat maintenance larger than 24 feet requires travel to Portland. This is often inconvenient, creating an economic hardship, for boat owners in the middle and upper Columbia River region.

**Drawings:** Two (2) drawings identified as *Port of Umatilla, Columbia River RM 290.8, COE* #200201021

**Additional Information:** Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Mary J. Headley, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (503) 808-4392.

Authority: This permit will be issued or denied under the following:

Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), for work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States.

**Public Hearing:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

**Endangered Species:** Preliminary determinations indicate that the proposed activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844) has been initiated. A permit for the proposed activity will not be issued until the consultation process is completed.

Cultural Resources: An initial evaluation of the proposed project area indicates that there are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to affect an undisturbed historic property or any other type of cultural resource. This notice has been provided to the State Historic Preservation Office, interested Native American Indian Tribes, and other interested parities. If you have information pertaining to cultural resources within the permit area, please provide this information to the Corps project manager (identified on page 1 of this notice) to assist in a complete evaluation of potential affects.

Evaluation: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors

listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Additional Requirements: State law requires that leases, easements, or permits be obtained for certain works or activity in the described waters. These State requirements must be met, where applicable, and a Department of the Army permit must be obtained before any work within the applicable Statutory Authority, previously indicated, may be accomplished. Other local governmental agencies may also have ordinances or requirements that must be satisfied before the work is accomplished.



